Circular No. VII of 1915 issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

326. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction's Circular No. VII of 1915 is still in force?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, subject to the exigencies of the service.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neygattinkara II*): May I know whether the circular is now followed by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, as far as possible.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction has scrutinised the voluminous transfer list that is kept in the Inspector's Office?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have not scrutinised the transfer list, but I have discussed with the Inspector about the necessity for frequent transfers. The member must appreciate the fact that teachers unfortunately die and teachers take leave and that such transfers are inevitable in the exigencies of the service.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Inspector of Vernacular Schools made these transfers in the interest of the teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The member will presume so.

Flood damages in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

327. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to call for and lay on the table a pakuthi-war statement of the different kinds of damages done by the heavy rains and floods in Edavam and Mithunam of 1108, in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The statement required is placed on the table.

Electric Street Lighting in the Trivandrum Town.

328. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Electrical Department follows any principle in the matter of street lighting with electricity in the town of Trivandrum, and, if so, what it is; and

(*b*) whether they have received any petition from the people praying for the extension of street lighting to the road from the Kowdiyar Palace to the Pattom Palace?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Member is referred to the reply given to a similar interpellation during the First Session of the Sri Chitra State Council Vide page 382, Volume 1, No. 6 of the Printed Proceedings of the Sri Chitra State Council.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

**Vide* Appendix V.

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